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Dear Parents,

At the beginning of March, we had an additional remote monitoring inspection by three of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. The role of the inspection was to look at the actions that have been taken to provide education to all pupils during the current pandemic, particularly during the most recent Lockdown. Please find attached a copy of the Ofsted report which will be published on the Ofsted website shortly.

There are many positives to draw from the report:

- Leaders made sure that pupils were still learning the same phonics sounds as they would in school and put strategies in place to encourage pupils to read regularly.
- Leaders made sure that pupils with SEND could access their learning. Pupils with SEND have personalised support in reading, writing and mathematics. Leaders ensured that pupils with SEND were accessing the same curriculum content as their peers.
- Leaders worked with families and external agencies to ensure vulnerable pupils were well supported.

Although the letter does not change the school's judgment, the inspectors did make the judgement that Leaders and Governors did take effective action to provide education during the last lockdown period. It is pleasing to note many of the positive comments about what is in place at Yaxham for our children and useful for the school to use other comments to further focus our ongoing improvement plan.

A big thank you needs to go to all the children, parents, families, staff and Governors for their hard work over the last year. Thank you in particular to the parents who left some very heart-warming comments about the school. Yaxham Primary School is a fantastic place for our children, and we should all be proud of the achievements being made.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Michelle Parnell Chair of Governors